

THE HONORABLE ROBERT S. LASNIK

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

NO. CR21-006 RSL

Plaintiff,

v.

**ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED
MOTION TO SCHEDULE GUILTY
PLEA HEARING VIA
VIDEOCONFERENCE**

RENE JACOBS,

Defendant.

THE COURT has considered the unopposed motion of the parties to proceed forward with a guilty plea hearing via videoconference and finds that:

(a) Under General Order 04-20, felony pleas and sentencings may proceed by video or telephone if “the district judge in a particular case finds for specific reasons that the plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice.” A plea hearing in this case cannot be delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice; and

(b) Mr. Jacobs would like to plead guilty and resolve the case in a timely fashion; and

(c) Mr. Jacobs wishes to enter a plea as soon as possible in light of anticipated delay associated with the COVID pandemic and a desire to alleviate presumptive backlogged court calendars following the COVID recovery process. Mr.

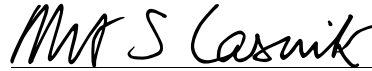
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Jacobs believes that the Court may not be as able to accommodate a timely resolution of his case in the future as more cases are delayed; and

(d) a videoconference guilty plea hearing would avoid further delays in the ultimate sentencing in this case, which would cause “serious harm to the interests of justice.” See General Order No. 04-20 (3/30/20).

DONE this 22nd day of January, 2021.



Robert S. Lasnik
United States District Judge

Presented by,

/s/ Bradley Barshis
Bradley Barshis
Attorney for Mr. Jacobs